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3. From clocktime 0010 to clocktime 0150 on 14 December 1954, a vessel describing circles about 1.5 sea miles in diameter at slow speed maintained a position in approximately 59°53'N/24°16'E. This vessel turned out to be a brightly illuminated war ship, which swept the sea with her searchlights. She was about 110 to 120 meters long, had a raked stem, a gun turret on the foredeck, a box-shaped bridge with a massive superstructure and low, squat smokestack aft of the bridge followed by a sheer. Another smokestack was fitted about amidships. Deck structures extended as far as aft of the fantail. A gun turret was mounted on the deck superstructures. A tripod mast stood forward of the second smokestack. Another vessel, also travelling in circles without changing position, was observed about 6 sea miles south of the position of the first named ship from clocktime 0020 to 0110. The two war vessels which were proceeding at slow speed, were not seen leaving their positions. During the night a searchlight casting a constant beam on Cape Ninamaa and the two lighthouses located on the sea was casting a constant beam. The two searchlight were lit contin

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